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## Hillier throws in hat for Tory leadership

**POLITICS** Eastern Ontario MPP Randy Hillier — known for his rural rights advocacy and founder of the Lanark Landowners Association — has thrown his hat into the ring for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leadership.

"Tough times call for a smart leader, one who knows how to overcome adversity and rise to the challenges, rather than making excuses and pointing fingers," Hillier said in Toronto yesterday.

The member for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington said the first three policy planks in his platform are: Introducing a freedom of association and conscience act; replacing the Ontario Human Rights Commission and other quasi-tribunals with "real" judges and courts; and allowing Senate elections in Ontario.

Hillier's leadership competition so far is long-time politician Frank Klees. Other rumoured candidates are MPPs Tim Hudak and Christine Elliott.

KATHRYN YOUNG/  
FOR METRO OTTAWA

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Brangie hint at India adoption



Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement, centre, pauses during a news conference with federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, left, and Ontario's Economic Development Minister Michael Bryant yesterday in Ottawa. The federal government said yesterday that current plans set out by the Canadian branches of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler do not go far enough to make them viable.

# Governments nix GM, Chrysler restructuring

Companies sent back to drawing board, offered bridge loans

**Ottawa and the province have told teetering General Motors and Chrysler to fix their restructuring plans to qualify for billions of dollars in aid, but the Canadian Auto Workers union says it won't offer any more help.**

In an escalating corporate drama with thousands of jobs at stake, the CAW insisted yesterday workers have already accepted concessions that will make GM competitive and the union is willing to support the same

## Legacy costs

• The two governments want the companies to address their huge post-retirement obligations, or so-called legacy costs,

labour cost cuts at Chrysler.

"We are not going to re-open our collective agreement with General Motors ... one more time," CAW president Ken Lewenza said.

His remarks came after the federal and Ontario governments rejected restructuring plans from the two

but CAW president Ken Lewenza stressed the union could not alter those commitments because of pension legislation.

companies that would help them secure more than \$9 billion in critical loans.

The governments told the companies to rework their plans to include more realistic estimates of future annual sales and market share. At the same time, the governments offered \$3 bil-

lion to GM and \$1 billion to Chrysler in interim bridge loans.

In the case of Chrysler, federal Industry Minister Tony Clement said the company needed \$250 million immediately because it wouldn't be able to pay workers without the funds.

Earlier yesterday, U.S. President Barack Obama gave Detroit-based GM Corp. 60 days to submit a better plan and told Chrysler it must get another partner within 30 days.

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## Cold days numbered, says Suzuki report

**CLIMATE** Ottawa is in danger of losing its outdoor winter sports within this century, according to a new report on climate change.

On Thin Ice: Winter Sports and Climate Change, released by the David Suzuki Foundation, is predicting that at current carbon emissions levels global warming would reduce the skating season on the Rideau Canal to three weeks and the ski season in Gatineau Park would be cut in half by 2050.

On average the canal season is currently open for 61 days. The study predicts that the canal would only be suitable for skating for one week in 2100 if carbon emissions remain as high as they are today.

Even with a low emission future the report is still predicting a nine-day decline in the number of skating days by 2020 and 12 days by 2050.

The report predicts that halfway through this century, cross-country skiing in Gatineau Park would be reduced by 60 days under current emissions levels, or 11 days under a lower warming emission future.

The low warming scenario is based on the assumption that greenhouse gas emissions would more than double from pre-industrial levels by 2100, which is much lower than the current emissions rate.

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# Local



## Foley to host Genie Awards

Canadian funnyman Dave Foley, left, will be hosting the 2009 Genie Awards, taking place at the Canada Aviation Museum this Saturday. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television also announced that Sarah Polley and Gordon Pinsent have joined the A-list roster of award presenters for the 29th annual ceremony. **METRO OTTAWA**

O'Brien offers to step away from army trade show

KATHRYN YOUNG  
for Metro Ottawa

**MILITARY** Mayor Larry O'Brien backed away yesterday from earlier statements that he does not have a conflict of interest in a military trade show scheduled for May 27 and 28 at Lansdowne Park.

Calian Technologies Ltd., founded by O'Brien, will have a booth at the CANSEC 2009 trade show, which is the first such event there since the city banned military trade shows on city property 20 years ago.

"If there is a technical conflict of interest because I own a small percentage of the company, then I will very definitely step back from the debate," O'Brien said. "I certainly didn't perceive one ... I certainly would not contravene any laws so I obviously will get some advice on that."

The 1989 ban — put in place after objections to the ARMX trade show, which included offensive weapons — quietly expired when Lansdowne Park was sold in 1999.

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What's online today.

**Video** Victims' families hold purification ceremony as Robert Pickton appeal begins at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Your Money** Allan Small on the hazards of easy access to investment advice at [metronews.ca/investing](http://metronews.ca/investing)



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## Double decker delight

OC Transpo rolling out three two-level buses

KATHRYN YOUNG  
for Metro Ottawa

**The view from atop OC Transpo's double-decker buses — rolled out for the first time yesterday on Route 94 — was good enough for Mayor Larry O'Brien to get out his camera and take some shots during a ride from Blair Station to MacKenzie King bridge downtown.**

"This is a way of increasing the capacity of our bus system and I think it's a very, very good move," O'Brien told reporters.

"If they work out we'll certainly be getting more."

The three red-and-white double-deckers will be tested on Route 94 and gradually used on nine other express routes over the coming year.

If they prove to work for customers and are cost-effective, OC Transpo will order roughly 33 more double-deckers a year from now, said OC Transpo general manager Alain Mercier.

"I would like to go through one full winter with these buses before we finalize our firm order," he said, adding that other cities such as Kamloops, B.C., and Victoria are increasing their orders on the two-level buses.

"There's a lot of interest over this baby," said a beaming Mercier, watching as bus-riding Ottawans climbed the stairs to the second level and looked around in wonder at the



Mayor Larry O'Brien, right, and Coun. Bob Monette took a ride on one of three new OC Transpo double-decker buses that travelled Route 94 for the first time yesterday.

\$625,000, 40-foot-long bus that stands 14 feet high.

The double-deckers are safer, less expensive and carry 96 passengers compared to an average of 70 on articulated buses, said Mercier.

Headroom on the top level is low, causing Coun.

Bob Monette to stoop, although Coun. Alex Cullen was pleased that short people finally have an advantage.

The buses will take up less road space than articulated buses at crowded downtown bus stops, Cullen noted.

four years. The last straw appears to be when he awarded A+ grades to every one of his physics classes.

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FOR METRO OTTAWA

## Failing grade for city on homeless issue

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**REPORT** Ottawa is not making the grade when it comes to homelessness services, according to several homeless groups in a report card to be issued today.

After another distressing year, the Alliance to End Homelessness will call for a formal investigation into the lack of progress for homeless services in Ottawa when it releases its fifth annual Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa.

"Over the past five years, progress with regards to homelessness has slacked," said alliance chair Perry Rowe. "There is an increase in the amount of time that people stay in shelters. There's an increase in the number of children and families that stay in shelters and there's been no increase in the amount of affordable housing by the city."

The report card reveals there were 747 homeless families with 1,179 chil-

dren under 16 years old in 2008 — a 15 per cent increase over 2007. Not only were more people homeless but also they stayed in shelters an average of 51 days, five days longer than in 2007.

Since the numbers are based on 2008 statistics, Rowe said it would be false logic to blame the increase on a slumping economy.

"This is the numbers for 2008. Stay tuned what's going to happen come the middle of 2009 when the

layoffs that are already announced start to kick in," he said. "How many more people are going to

fall through the cracks of the system?"

Rowe said they are looking for something like an auditor general investigation or a provincially or federally empowered panel that would determine where they could do more to deal with the "people aspect of homelessness."

The final grades will be announced today along with "Made-in-Ottawa Solutions" to address the problem.

## City de-amalgamation closer?

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**POLITICS** What could prove to be the first steps toward breaking up, and ultimately fixing, municipal government were taken last night.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet hosted a public forum on de-amalgamation, which he hopes will someday solve the "snarling and division" that has bogged down city council for

most of the past decade.

"The council we have has been trying to do an impossible job," he said.

Jim McKenzie, a director with the Carleton Landowners' Association, said there are too many differences between urban and rural interests to effectively govern both.

And Pam FitzGerald, as Ottawa Carleton District School Board trustee, said amalgamation has created a huge imbalance for new schools between rural and urban areas.



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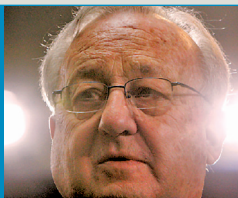


**Cardiovascular disease deaths declining: StatsCan**

The number of deaths in Canada caused by major cardiovascular disease has been declining just as the number of deaths caused by cancer has been increasing, according to Statistics Canada, and the change is being felt most dramatically among men. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada



## Schreiber probe underway

Lobbyists aggressively pushing to build an armoured vehicle factory in Cape Breton claimed high-profile political backing for the project, including the support of then prime minister Brian Mulroney, an inquiry has heard. A long-awaited probe of the dealings between Mulroney and arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber, left, got underway yesterday looking at the proposal that members of Mulroney's cabinet were pushing hard to get built. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## McGuinty backs off on wage cancellation

**LABOUR** Premier Dalton McGuinty has backed off his threat to cancel next year's increase of the minimum wage to \$10.25 an hour after an outcry from the opposition and anti-poverty activists.

A chastened McGuinty apologized in the legislature yesterday after musings to business leaders behind closed doors in Ottawa last week that he might scrap the raise due to the recession.

"The fact is it does call for some clarification on my part and I take responsibility for muddying the waters," the premier said in response to a question from NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

"When we talk about the minimum wage, we have to ask ourselves what it is that we owe both our workers and employers. I think clearly we owe them fairness," he said.

"Our commitment was to get the \$10.25 an hour one year from now and we will honour that commitment."

His mea culpa comes as the minimum wage jumps today to \$9.50 an hour from \$8.75 with the next scheduled increase set for March 31, 2010.

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## News in brief

**FINDINGS** British minister of parliament George Galloway will not be allowed to enter Canada after a federal judge upheld a government ban that denied him entry because of his alleged support of Palestinian militant group Hamas, but Galloway was set to speak to Canadian audiences via a live video link from New York City at 7 p.m. EDT last night, CBC News Online reported.

**CHARGES** A Calgary father has been charged with child abandonment after firefighters rescued a toddler from a locked car parked outside a casino early yesterday, CBC News Online reports. Casino video footage showed the boy, 21 months old, was likely in the car for about six hours, police said. The temperature outside was around -8 C.

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# From hitched to ditched

Canadian attempts lawsuit after marriage to foreigner fizzles

**A Brampton, Ont., man is attempting to launch a class-action lawsuit against the federal government for failing to investigate and deport foreigners who allegedly trick Canadians into marriages of convenience.**

It is unknown how many cases there are nationally, but Immigration Canada's branch office in Mississauga has about 600 files on immigration fraud cases and a lack of staff has created a major investigation backlog.

Saranjeet Benet, a 37-year-old electrician, and his father Sampuran Benet, founded Canadians Against Immigration Fraud and are asking the Federal Court of Canada for permission to pursue a class-action lawsuit on behalf of Canadian sponsors who married foreigners in good faith but were jilted and end up with emotional scars and financial losses.

"We are not asking for money," said Sampuran Benet, whose Toronto-based non-profit organization boosts 100 members across Canada.

"We just want the government to investigate, take action and deport those who defraud Canadians into a marriage in order to immigrate to Canada."

Saranjeet Benet came to Canada as an infant but returned to India in search of a bride. He and Opinder Kaur Saini were married in

**"We are not asking for money. We just want the government to investigate."**

Sampuran Benet

Punjab in November 2003. Three years later, she arrived as a permanent resident through the spousal sponsorship program, but left him a month later, on Jan. 15, 2007. Saini moved in with her parents and sister in Brampton.

Benet claims in court records filed in November in the immigration fraud lawsuit that Saini had no interest in consummating the marriage.

Saini, however, says he abused her upon her arrival in Canada in documents filed in response to annulment proceedings Benet began in Superior Court of Justice.

When reached in Brampton this week, Saini declined to comment on the fraud allegations. The annulment is still before the court.

Neither Canada Border Service Agency nor Citizenship and Immigration Canada investigated the complaint of immigration fraud, first filed in March 2007, the Benets claim. The family also sent letters to former immigration minister Diane Finley demanding action.

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## Manitoba Fighting the flood



Robert McCarthy, left, gets help building a dike around his home in Breezy Point, Man., on the shore of the Red River, by volunteers. McCarthy hopes that a 4.5-foot-tall dike will hold back any rising waters in the coming weeks. The appeal for more volunteers to fight floods from the Red River grows more urgent in Manitoba, as the province expects warmer weather this week.

JARVIS DOWNING/CBC NEWS SERVICE

## Spy program easy to use, cyber sleuth claims

**ONLINE** A link to the code for Ghost Rat, the Trojan horse that Chinese operatives used to hack into some of the most sensitive computer networks on Earth, pops up fourth on a Google search.

"Hope you guys like this," writes the poster, Evilxiaoze. "Very nice Chinese rat program by C. Rufus Security team."

C. Rufus is a loosely agglomerated group of provocateurs who likely created Ghost Rat for kicks. Then they made it available to anyone on the Internet, including cyberspies and high-tech gangs who can use it to take over active control of your PC. Once the Ghost Rat is fully operational — and you probably won't even notice that it is — it can pull data off your system, turn on and operate your camera or even record audio.

"It's a nice piece of software — easy interface, easy to use," says Nart Villeneuve, the boyish 34-year-old who helped identify a Chinese-based spy ring using Ghost Rat to target foreign governments.

So easy that anybody with a smidgen of technical know-how can use it against high-level opponents. Or your home computer.

"You can do it yourself," Villeneuve said yesterday, indicating a reporter. "You or anybody else here."

So easy that Villeneuve and his colleagues at the Citizen Lab at the Munk Centre for International Studies have left room for a whisper of doubt that the Chinese government is behind the so-called Ghost-Net spy network they uncovered. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# 'Polypill' could change heart treatments, study says

**HEALTH** It is the closest anyone has come to a magic bullet against heart disease.

A single pill that combines five common cardiovascular drugs could revolutionize the treatment of coronary ailments, according to new research led by McMaster University physi-

cians. "The thought that people might be able to take a single pill to reduce multiple cardiovascular risk factors has generated a lot of excitement," says McMaster cardiologist Dr. Salim Yusuf, a lead author.

"It would certainly revolutionize heart disease pre-

vention as we know it," Yusuf, a professor at McMaster's Michael G. Degroote School of Medicine, said in a news release.

The study, released online yesterday by the U.K. medical journal The Lancet, suggests such a pill could reduce heart disease worldwide by 62 per cent

and stroke by 48 per cent.

It shows the so-called "polypill" is as safe and effective at reducing blood pressure and other heart-threatening conditions as taking each medication separately or in any combination, the authors say.

The multiple medication includes generic versions

of blood-thinning Aspirin, cholesterol-busting statins and three blood-pressure-lowering medications.

The main benefit of the polypill is that "people would take it," says McMaster cardiologist Dr. Koon Teo, a co-author of the medical study.

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# World



## Sneak peek at new shuttle

NASA gave citizens of Washington a peek at a full-size mock-up of the spacecraft designed to carry U.S. astronauts back to the moon and then on to Mars one day. The U.S. Navy-built Orion crew exploration vehicle will replace the space shuttle NASA plans to retire in 2010, and become the cornerstone of the agency's Constellation Program to explore the moon, Mars and beyond. **REUTERS**

## Obama takes tough stance

Americans cheer auto moves; markets fear more intervention

**Some frustrated U.S. taxpayers cheered President Barack Obama's tough steps to shore up the reeling auto industry yesterday but critics called his decision to fire General Motors' chief a heavy-handed power grab.**

Obama forced out General Motors' chief executive Rick Wagoner, pushed Chrysler LLC toward a merger with Italy's Fiat

SpA, and threatened bankruptcy for both, marking an escalation in Washington's involvement in rescuing the faltering economy.

Skeptics asked if it was an early sign of a more activist administration, or just an isolated case. GM shares tumbled 30 per cent on the news and the Dow Jones Industrial average sank nearly four per cent.

Experts called it poten-

tially the most significant presidential intervention in the private sector since Harry Truman tried to seize the steel industry during the Korean War in 1952, only to be rebuffed by the Supreme Court.

"I don't think the president should be running the economy. They should have let the company go bankrupt. The guy would have lost his job anyway,"

said Edward Prescott, a 2004 Nobel laureate in economic sciences.

As a candidate last year, Obama supported rescuing the financial sector, and since then he has shifted to attacking the bonuses and corporate jets for companies taking taxpayer money to pushing out a CEO and replacing members of the board of directors. **REUTERS**

## Taliban suspected in police complex attack

**PAKISTAN** Pakistani commandos stormed a police academy early yesterday, overwhelming suspected Taliban fighters who killed eight cadets and wounded scores in a rampage through the complex.

"The operation is over. Four terrorists were killed and three arrested," Interior Ministry Secretary Kamal Shah told Reuters. He said 89 policemen were wounded.

Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik said the militants were believed to be fighters loyal to Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud who had come from the South Waziristan tribal region.

He said one of the men captured was an Afghan who arrived in eastern city 15 days earlier and had rented a house there.

### Victims screened

- Malik said the wounded taken to hospital were being screened to ensure no militants were hiding among them.

"Some of his accomplices have been identified, while others are in the process of being identified," Malik said.

Punjab police chief Khawaja Khalid Farooq said eight recruits were killed, although there had been reports the toll would be higher because there were 900 cadets in the academy at the time.

Three of the militants blew themselves up during the final assault and commandos rescued 10 officers held hostage inside the main building. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**ISRAEL** Incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged yesterday to make every effort to achieve peace with Israel's neighbours and the Arab world, but again made no mention of Palestinian aspirations to statehood.

**ESCAPE** Police hunted yesterday for a convicted arsonist who escaped from a London prison by clinging to the underside of the van that brought him there. He gave officers the slip just after he was counted off the van. **REUTERS**

## Iraq Patrolling the streets



An Iraqi soldier passes a woman during a military operation in Baghdad's al-Fadhil district yesterday. Iraqi security forces swept through Baghdad on Sunday and detained several people after Sunni patrolmen angry at their leader's arrest clashed with police and troops in a battle that killed three people.

## Web-based fraud in U.S. surged 33 per cent in '08

**TECHNOLOGY** Fraud on the Internet reported to U.S. authorities increased by 33 per cent last year, rising for the first time in three years, and is surging this year as the recession deepens, federal authorities said yesterday.

Internet fraud losses reported in the United States reached a record high \$264.6 million US in 2008, according to a report released yesterday from the Internet Fraud Complaint Center, run by the

FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center.

Online scams originating from across the globe — mostly from the United States, Canada, Britain, Nigeria and China — are gathering steam, with a nearly 50 per cent increase in complaints reported to U.S. authorities in March alone.

Last year's losses surpass the \$239.1 million of reported losses in 2007, and dwarf the \$18 million of losses of 2001. **REUTERS**

### Common types

- The most common complaint of 2008 was non-delivery of promised merchandise, followed by auction fraud, credit card fraud and investment scams.

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## U.S. deploys anti-missile ships days before N. Korea launch

**PYONGYANG** The U.S. deployed two missile-interceptor ships from South Korea yesterday, a spokesman said, days ahead of a North Korean rocket launch widely seen as a long-range missile test that violates UN sanctions.

The launch presents the first significant challenge by the prickly state to U.S. President Barack Obama,

who will discuss Pyongyang's intentions with global leaders this week at the G20 summit.

The U.S., however, has no plans to shoot down the rocket in a test seen by Washington as part of Pyongyang's goal to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Sunday. **REUTERS**

## Five arrested in U.K. house raid ahead of G20 protests

**WEAPONS** Five people suspected of planning to join protests against the G20 summit in London on Thursday were arrested after weapons were found during a raid on a house in southwest England, police said yesterday.

The five, three men aged 16, 19 and 25 and two women aged 20, were arrested in the city of Ply-

mouth between Friday and Sunday and are being held.

Police said their inquiries indicated there was "no religious agenda" to the investigation. Four of the suspects are British and one is thought to be an international student.

Anarchists have threatened to bring chaos to London's streets ahead of the summit. **REUTERS**



**Worst song of all time re-released**

Agadoo by Black Lace, voted the worst song of all time by a panel of experts, has been re-released to mark its 25th anniversary. **REUTERS**

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# White House won't say 'war on terror'

Phrase used by Bush dropped by Obama

**U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday that the Obama administration had dropped "war on terror" from its lexicon, rhetoric former President George W. Bush used to justify many of his actions.**

"The (Obama) administration has stopped using the phrase and I think that speaks for itself. Obviously," Clinton told reporters travelling with her to The Hague for a conference on Afghanistan, which Bush called part of his "global war on terror."

The term "war on terror"

was coined after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, which were planned in Afghanistan by the militant group al-Qaida.

The phrase was strongly criticized by human rights groups who said it was used to justify many actions, such as the opening of the Guantanamo Bay prison for detainees held without trial at the U.S. naval base in Cuba.

Internationally, the phrase was seen by critics as a "with-us-or-against-us" philosophy, overly dependent on military force and

what many Muslims decried as an attack on Islam.

Since taking office on Jan. 20, Obama has moved swiftly to reverse some of Bush's practices, ordering the closure of Guantanamo within a year and an end to harsh interrogation of terrorism suspects.

"I have not heard it used. I have not gotten any directive about using it or not using it. It is just not being used," said Clinton when asked whether the term had been officially dropped by the Obama administration.

**REUTERS**

## Belfast Vehicles hijacked, then burned



A youth on a scooter drives past a burnt-out truck in north Belfast yesterday. Unidentified groups hijacked cars and set some of them alight in the Northern Ireland capital yesterday, closing some roads, disrupting rush hour traffic and causing security alerts, police said.

### News in brief

**NORTH KOREA** North Korea said this morning that it would put on trial for "hostile acts" two U.S. journalists arrested earlier this month on its border with China. The two women reporters were arrested two weeks ago by the Tumen River.

**DISNEY** Walt Disney Co. and Google Inc.'s YouTube said yesterday they have reached a pact to offer consumers advertising supported premium short-form content on the hugely popular video-sharing site from next month.

**AIRLINES** Airlines will sell fewer seats this spring as a result of the economic malaise causing would-be passengers to stay at home, the International Air Transport Association said.

**REUTERS**

## Hundreds missing, 21 dead after two migrant boats sink

**LIBYA** At least 21 migrants died and hundreds more were missing after two boats to Italy sank off Libya in separate incidents, Libyan officials said yesterday.

The bodies were found after a rickety boat carrying 253 people sank off the coast of the North African state.

At least 23 people were rescued by Libyan coast guard ships when a second boat packed with migrants went down, but another 342 people on board were still missing, the officials told Reuters.

"We have information that two more boats were drifting off Libya's coast but we do not know the ex-

### Gateway to Italy

• Hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants from various African countries live in Libya, taking odd jobs until they earn enough money to pay smugglers for a place on a boat that will try to take them to Italy, Libyan officials say.

act conditions and the number of the migrants on board," one of the officials said.

Asked when exactly the boats had sank, one official said: "The boat incidents took place in the past two days and rescue and search operation are continuing."

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## Comment

### Tories need lifeline, too

#### NationalReport

Lawrence Martin

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At the same time as the news arrived yesterday saying the Canadian and Ontario governments would give auto companies up to \$4 billion in loans, a large-sample public opinion poll was released by Leger Marketing.

It showed that 69 per cent of Canadians oppose big-time assistance for the auto sector. In Ontario, where the economy is so reliant on that sector, 60 per cent oppose such aid, while only 17 per cent approve.

The business of governance is tough — and getting tougher. What was Prime Minister Stephen Harper to do? Let the companies go un-

der? There are plenty of preconditions that go with the auto lifeline — conditions that haven't yet been met. The Conservatives said they were in accord with the tough measures being taken by President Obama who has fired the head of General Motors and who will make assistance dependent upon deep restructuring. That perception might do some good for the Tories who are starting to look like they need a lifeline as well.

The same Leger poll came with depressing news for the party. It showed that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is favoured over

Harper as the best leader to manage the economy. He gets the nod from 41 per cent of Canadians, compared to 32 per cent for the prime minister. This even though Harper has an economic background while Ignatieff does not. This even though the Conservatives brought in a big stimulus budget supported by the Liberals.

There's a typical political trend in evidence here. When the economy goes south, the party in power tends to get the blame, no matter what it does.

The pollster, Jean-Marc Leger, said there is now a strong tide favouring the Liberals which will be hard for the Conservatives to overcome. This will renew speculation that Harper will not be sticking around long enough to fight the next election. He's had

three electoral kicks at the can. If he couldn't win a majority against the weakening Dion before the recession set in, how could he possibly do so in the middle of an economic plunge against a more formidable Liberal chief?

The problem for the Conservatives is that they do not have an outstanding leadership candidate in waiting. Jim Prentice, Peter MacKay and Jason Kenney are names who are mentioned, but none has a big wave of support within the party. Quebec Premier Jean Charest, a leader of the Conservatives in the 1990s, has won three straight elections in Quebec and may soon be looking for a new challenge. But he is a stranger to Ottawa now. It is unlikely, even if he was interested, that he would get the call.

That leaves Stephen Harper.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent and author who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



## Views

### Police have no right to delete your videos

David Eby  
Law professor

Adam Smolcic alleges that on March 20, he used his cellphone to record two Vancouver police officers while they shot and killed Michael Hubbard, a homeless man.

The officers involved in the shooting were investigating a vehicle break-in that had taken place five blocks away in downtown Vancouver. Hubbard had the misfortune of owning a black bag, and a black bag had been taken from the car. In the worst imaginable case of mistaken identity, Hubbard was shot and killed, and Smolcic says he captured the whole incident on his cellphone.

Shortly after the shooting took place, while he was still recording, Smolcic alleges that a third officer responding to the scene took his phone from him, deleted the video and told him to "get lost."

Beyond the obvious concerns about police allegedly destroying evidence, telling an eye witness to "get lost," and shooting a homeless man, some readers may wonder what rights Smolcic had with his video, and in what situations the police could seize his phone.

Citizens in Canada have a nearly absolute right to refuse to turn over their recordings to police, but there are three clear exceptions to this rule.

First, if Smolcic himself had committed a crime, when the police were searching him incidental to

**"Citizens in Canada have a nearly absolute right to refuse to turn over their recordings."**

his arrest, they could take his phone. This is called the "search incidental to arrest" exception.

The second way the police could have taken Smolcic's phone was if they had obtained a warrant from a judge to seize the phone, most commonly called a search warrant.

Finally, the police could take Smolcic's phone if Smolcic gave them permission, which is exactly what happened on March 20. Smolcic says the last thing he ever expected was that the police officer would erase his video, and he handed over the phone to be helpful to their investigation.

As for the officer who allegedly erased the video, if Smolcic's allegations are true, he could face criminal charges in the form of mischief, theft, or obstruction of a peace officer.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is working with Smolcic to recover the deleted video with the help of data recovery experts in Vancouver and the United States. In the meantime, citizen journalists should know their rights to avoid ending up in this kind of situation.

David Eby is the acting Executive Director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and an adjunct professor of law at the University of British Columbia.



## Worth mentioning

### NASA's Colbert conundrum

**SPACE STATION** NASA's outreach to the public to drum up interest in the International Space Station started innocently, with an online contest to name the station's new living quarters. But Stephen Colbert, a comedian who poses as an ultra right-wing news commentator on cable television's Comedy Central, nosed into the act with a grass-roots appeal that has backed the staid U.S. space agency into a corner.

Colbert's supporters cast 230,539 write-in votes to name the new module at the \$100-billion space outpost. The top NASA-suggested name, Serenity, finished more than 40,000 votes behind.

Contest rules stipulate that the agency retains the right to basically do whatever it wants, but it may not be that easy.

Last week, U.S. Representative Chaka Fattah, a Pennsylvania Democrat, called on NASA to do the democratic thing and use the name that drew the most votes.

"NASA decided to hold an election to name its new room at the International Space Station and the clear winner is Stephen Colbert," Fattah said in a statement. "The people have spoken, and Stephen Colbert won it fair and square — even if his campaign was a bit over the top."

NASA is taking some time to ponder its next move.

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**Microsoft and TomTom settle patent dispute**

Microsoft Corp. and Dutch navigation device maker TomTom NV said yesterday they had reached a settlement after more than a year of squabbling over software patents. In the last few weeks, both companies had sued the other, claiming patent infringement. Specific financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Ontario to match federal energy rebates

Ottawa temporarily raises incentives by 25% as fuel prices are set to rise in 2010

**The federal government sweetened its home-energy retrofit incentives yesterday by 25 per cent to spur more economic activity during the downturn, a move Ontario said it plans to match.**

Lisa Raitt, federal minister of natural resources, said the increased incen-

tive under the EcoEnergy home-retrofit program will only be in effect for at most two years.

"I do encourage homeowners to act quickly," she said.

An official with Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy told Torstar News Service that

**"I do encourage homeowners to act quickly."**

Lisa Raitt, federal natural resources minister

the provincial government "will match" the new federal rebates. Ministry spokesperson Amy Tang said details are being finalized on a new provincial program that will further

expand on initiatives.

Efforts to boost residential energy efficiency come as electricity and heating-fuel prices in Ontario are set to rise, the result of the McGuinty government's

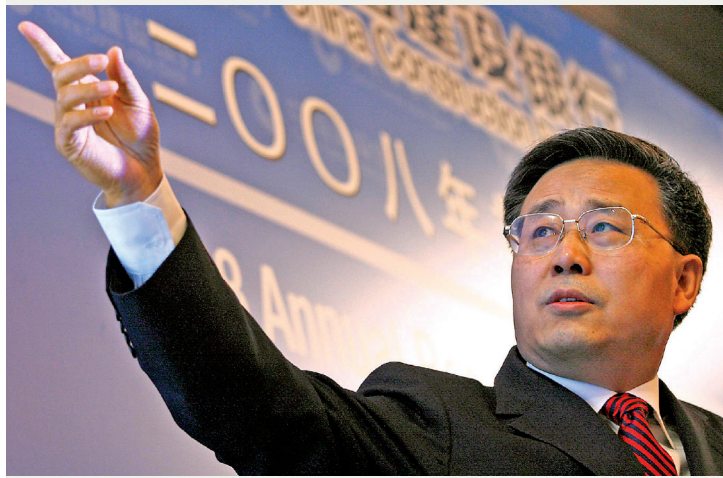
plan to harmonize the province's retail-sales tax with the federal goods-and-services tax.

Electricity, natural gas and heating oil consumers are currently exempt from the provincial tax, but once the blended tax rate goes into effect on July 1, 2010, home-energy costs

will jump eight per cent.

The new program means, for example, that a home being retrofitted with a high-efficiency natural gas furnace will qualify for a rebate of \$625 from Ottawa and \$625 from the province — up \$250 compared to the original program. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### China Lending expectations



China Construction Bank chairman Guo Shuqing speaks during a news conference in Hong Kong yesterday. China Construction Bank, the country's second-largest bank by assets, expects its new lending this year to grow 10 to 12 per cent without causing a significant rise in bad loans.

## Visa chief opposes regulation

**INDUSTRY** The head of Visa Canada chose a business audience in Toronto yesterday to test the sales pitch he plans to deliver next month in Ottawa: Don't regulate the debit and credit card industry.

While acknowledging that growing complaints about the industry has led to a Competition Bureau investigation and Senate hearings calling for caps on fees and rates, Tim Wilson said more government involvement would ultimately stifle innovation and choice.

As an example, he cited

**"(Tim Wilson's) idea of competition is higher prices."**

Diane Brisebois, Retail Council of Canada

Visa's plans to enter Canada's debit market as early as this fall with its own branded product in competition with the bank-owned Interac system.

Although Visa debit cards would cost a bit more to process than Interac cards, Wilson said they

would also offer more benefits, including increased security, lower payment risk, and more opportunities to shop online and outside Canada.

But the Retail Council of Canada has said such cards could cost two or three times as much to handle, raising the average fee from six cents per transaction to between 12 and 17 cents.

"His idea of competition is higher prices, not lower prices," said Diane Brisebois, the retail council's president and chief executive. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### Business in brief

**OPTOMETRY** A new IRIS store in Toronto is bringing optometrists, who conduct eye exams and write prescriptions,

and opticians, who fit and adjust corrective lenses, to work together under the same roof. Technically, that goes against

long-standing regulations by the College of Optometrists of Ontario, which may be changed. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Carney urges system-wide view on reform

**FINANCE** The G20 meeting in London this week should take an approach to financial regulation reform that looks at the system as a whole and the in-

teraction between banks and markets, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said yesterday.

In a speech in Edmonton, Carney said global pol-

icymakers seeking to prevent financial crises should extend regulation to all financial activities that can pose a systemic risk.

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**Before hitting the stores:**

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need to make your meals in the coming days. Then, most importantly, stick to that list!

- Coupon "clipping" has gone high-tech. Start with the sites for the stores you frequent; most large chains now have websites that include coupons and details on other weekly deals.

- Manufacturer's websites will sometimes display coupons and they tend to be more generous; so if you know you always buy a certain brand of canned soup, log on and see if the company is offering any discounts.

- Join mailing lists of the companies and stores you frequent. Many sites allow you to print off the coupons to take to the store right away, but others will send you the coupons you choose through the mail. If you prefer clipping coupons, then Sunday is the best day to find them.



Use the sales flyers and coupons together. Many people think you can't use a coupon on sale items, but you usually can.

- Before heading to the store, also take a quick look in your cupboards and fridge for any coupons on product packaging.

**Maximizing Savings:**

- Use the sales flyers and coupons together. Many

people mistakenly think you can't use a coupon on sale items, but you usually can. One survey showed that combining these two savings methods meant an average savings of almost \$700 a year on groceries alone.

**At the Store:**

- When you first get to your grocery store, look near the check-out for any coupon books or flyers.
- Consider signing up for the store's loyalty card so you can receive their automatic discounts. They will also alert you to extra deals. Also, if there is a store you regularly shop at, then get to know the salespeople or grocers as these are the people who are in the know as to when sales occur.

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**Rebates:**

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Allan Small

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## Here we go: Tax crunch time

## MoneyMatters

**Henry Choo Chong**

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**Q** Last May 2008, I registered a small business. It is a unique concept from Europe and the first in Canada. I managed to sell tens of thousands of inventory from September to December. Can I choose a 2009 year-end or must I file by April 30 this year? Does the sale of stocks change my filing date?

— Jamie

**A** Stock gains/losses will not change your tax-filing deadline. Individuals with investments outside registered plans should request a stock transactions summary from their investment broker. Stock sales are the responsibility of

the taxpayer to report and may not be indicated on other tax receipts.

As the April 30 deadline draws closer, the majority of the more than 16 million Canadians are frantically sorting tax receipts and holding their heads. It is important for individuals and businesses to have a good record keeping system. It can be as simple as a file folder for receipts.

For most Canadians that are employees, the tax-filing deadline is April 30. Taxes owing must be paid on or before this date or the taxpayer will be subject to interest penalties. Individuals that expect a refund will not be fined interest penalties, so don't panic. A non-incorporated business (per back up documents) filing deadline is June 15 and cannot choose a non-calendar year-end, unlike an incorporated entity.

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**Moats accepts officer's apology**

NFL player Ryan Moats said yesterday that he accepts the apology offered by a Dallas police officer who stopped him with a drawn gun in a hospital parking lot while his mother-in-law was dying inside. Moats had rolled through a red light on the way to the hospital, where the woman died while Moats was ticketed and lectured. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports



## Nestor tops in tennis again

Tennis Canada announced its 2008 Excellence Award winners yesterday, and veteran doubles player Daniel Nestor was named top player for the sixth time, and top doubles player for the seventh straight year. Aleksandra Wozniak was named top female player, top singles player and most improved. Frank Dancevic was named Canada's top male singles player.

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## Voyageurs out before first pitch

**KATHYRN YOUNG**  
for Metro Ottawa



**Ottawa baseball fans will have no team to cheer for this summer, as financial problems have forced the Can-Am League to abandon the Ottawa Voyageurs before they event got a chance to play under the new name.**

"It's a sad day for baseball in Ottawa," Voyageur general manager Barry Robinson said yesterday after league commissioner Miles Wolff announced the demise of teams in Ottawa and Atlanta.

"We were just ready to order the new uniforms."

The Can-Am League first came to Ottawa in the form of the Rapidz in 2008, but that team declared bankruptcy after the first season.

Since January, the newly named Voyageurs haven't had an owner and have been funded by the league.

"Without solid ownership and the financial commitment behind these teams, it is in the best interest of the league to go with six clubs," Wolff said.

The league will consist of Brockton, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Quebec, Sussex

**"They gave it their all-American try and I guess it hasn't worked out ... We'll have to re-evaluate our plans for that stadium."**

Mayor Larry O'Brien

and Worcester for the 2009 season.

"They gave it their all-American try and I guess it hasn't worked out," said Mayor Larry O'Brien, who had discussions on the weekend with league organizers. "We'll have to re-evaluate our plans for that stadium."

Robinson said there is still hope if an owner can be found by September

when the lease expires at the city-owned stadium — formerly known as JetForm Park.

"The key here is we need an owner — then there's an opportunity," Robinson said.

Players will go through a dispersal draft. Team staff have been laid off and Robinson will seek other employment once he wraps things up, he said.

## 67's force a Game 7

**OHL** The Ottawa 67's 4-0 win over the Niagara Ice-Dogs last night forces a Game 7 in their Ontario Hockey League Eastern Conference quarter-final — and at least one more game for coach Brian Kilrea.

Thomas Kiriakou and Corey Cowick scored two goals each and Adam Courchaine made 21 saves as

the 67's staved off elimination.

Tyler Toffoli and Julien Demers had two assists each for Ottawa, which will host Niagara tonight in the deciding contest and potential last appearance for the retiring Kilrea, the winningest coach in Canadian major junior hockey history.

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## Raptors' Triano gets vote of confidence from Colangelo

**Bryan Colangelo always thought Jay Triano was a talented NBA coach — he wouldn't have given him the interim job with the Toronto Raptors if he didn't — and the team's recent run of success hasn't done anything to change that opinion either way.**

Four straight wins won't totally alleviate the bitter feelings of a disappointing season, but they have showed flashes of what might have been.

And what might still be if Colangelo decides to keep Triano on as the head coach after this season.

Reiterating that he wouldn't speak specifically about the Canadian Triano's longer-term prospects until the end of the regular season, the team's president and general manager has not wavered

from his support.

"The message is the right message; the method of communicating is the right method," Colangelo said yesterday. "I've been high on him the entire time."

It will be sooner, rather than later after the end of the regular season that Colangelo acts on the coaching situation. While there will be a slow time while the first couple of rounds of the playoffs unfold, Colangelo wants to have a full staff in place well before the run-up to the June 28 draft.

Triano is 20-36 as a head coach since taking over from the fired Sam Mitchell on Dec. 3 but Colangelo continues to point to other factors than simply the won-loss record.

Injuries to key players, a significant trade and the upheaval that goes with a losing season have all contributed.

"Jay's done a solid job, he was given a bad set of circumstances," the general manager said.

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## Avery, Brodeur reunited in Ranger win

### NHL RESULT

**Rangers 3, Devils 0**

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 38 shots to post his third shutout of season as the New York Rangers topped the New Jersey Devils, 3-0, at Madison Square Garden last night.

Brandon Dubinsky, Dan Girardi and Ryan Callahan tallied second period goals for the Rangers, who halted a two-game slide and moved within a point of

sixth-place Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference playoff race. Martin Brodeur made 34 saves in defeat for the Devils, who suffered their fifth straight loss but still hold the third-seed in the East and first place in the Atlantic Division.

The Rangers launched 20 shots at Brodeur in the first period but failed to score. Finally, on their 26th shot, 4:35 into the second, Dubinsky lifted the puck over the fallen Devils netminder to break the scoreless tie.

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Sean Avery stands in front of Martin Brodeur last night.

## Players to Canadian Soccer Association: Spend money to win

**SOCCER** The last time Canada was looking for a new men's soccer coach, Dwayne De Rosario pushed for the hiring of Brazilian Rene Simoes.

But in the end, the board of the Canadian Soccer Association didn't hire the man who led Jamaica to an unlikely appearance in the 1998 World Cup, apparently because he wanted to bring in his own support staff and

that was too expensive.

So, Canadian Dale Mitchell got the job in 2007. He led the team to a 0-4-2 record in the semifinals of CONCACAF World Cup qualifying and was fired on Friday. Now, the debate is renewed over the passport of his replacement.

If the CSA hires a big name coach with international experience, "I think people would take us a little

more serious," De Rosario, a national team member and midfielder with Toronto FC, said yesterday.

Such a coach would demand more and bigger friendly matches in Canada and a higher public profile for the team and the sport, said De Rosario.

"Of course, bringing in a person like that demands a lot," De Rosario said. "And, I think that puts a threat into

a lot of people's pockets ... and that's where we have a problem."

TFC goalkeeper Greg Sutton, who has played 11 games for Canada, said no matter who is named the new coach he faces "a tough time" because of the CSA's finances. "It's not getting the necessary funds that they need to be a successful program," said Sutton.

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# Health & Beauty

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## Beware of 'Bull'

Don't confuse energy drinks and sports drinks

CELIA MILNE  
for Metro Canada

**Want more energy for sports? Eat and drink smart.**

That is a message from the Dietitians of Canada. This organization, along with the American Dietetic Association and the American College of Sports Medicine, has written a new position paper on the best nutrition for athletic pursuits.

There is no magic formula in a jar that'll give you peak performance. In fact, some energy drinks

can be quite dangerous. "Energy drinks should not be confused with well-designed sports drinks such as Gatorade, Powerade and eLode," says Susie Langley, a certified specialist in sport dietetics and co-author of the position paper.

Energy drinks like Red Bull, Full Throttle and Rockstar can deliver a "high caffeine, high sugar kick" which make them a "no-no" immediately before or during and even after an event, says Langley.

Instead, you need to eat a wide variety of foods to

get enough carbohydrates, protein, fat, vitamins and minerals. If you don't eat properly, effects include losing muscle mass, stopping your period, losing bone density and increasing your risk of fatigue and injury.

It is critical to drink enough fluids before, during and after exercising or competing to replace the liquids you've lost in sweat. If you

are not sure about a product, ask a dietitian.

Langley is concerned that young people are consuming too much caffeine when they consume energy drinks for a quick lift. This can



After exercise, try to eat a meal rich in carbs and protein such as chicken and rice.

lead to dangerous side effects such as anxiety, insomnia, high blood pressure, stomach upset, rapid heart beat and withdrawal symptoms when caffeine is discontinued.

For instance, two cans of Red Bull contain a toxic amount of caffeine for a child who weighs about 66 pounds (30 kg). Adults could get a toxic hit of caffeine from two Rockstars and a Grande Starbucks coffee.

Here are some tips from the Dietitians of Canada on eating and drinking for best sports nutrition:

### BEFORE EXERCISING:

- About two to three hours before an endurance event, drink plenty of fluids and eat a balanced meal that includes grain products, fruits and vegetables and a low-fat protein choice such as chicken.

- If necessary, top up energy levels one to two hours before activity with a sports bar, fruit, cereal bar or yogurt.

### DURING EXERCISE:

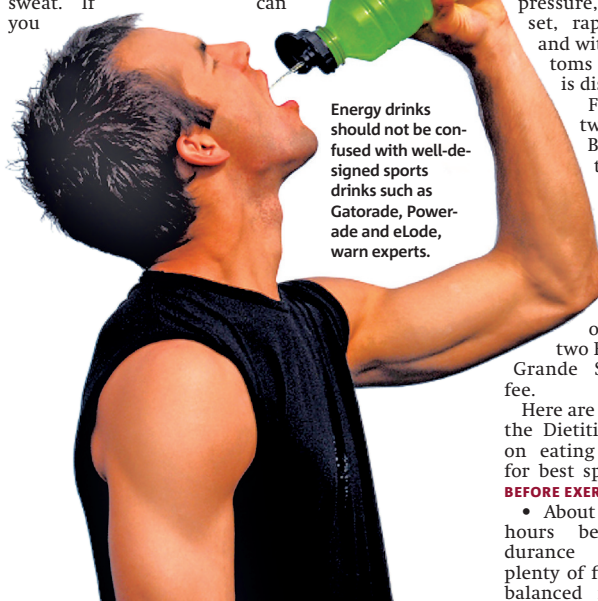
- Try to drink every 15 to 20 minutes during exercise (water or a sports drink).

- If you are doing a prolonged event, you may want to snack on granola or cereal bars.

### AFTER EXERCISE:

- Start with a smoothie (for example, blend milk, fruit and ice), sport drink, chocolate milk or water.

- Then have a meal rich in carbs and protein, such as chicken with rice and vegetables, pasta with meat sauce and salad, or vegetarian chili with potato and raw vegetables.



Energy drinks should not be confused with well-designed sports drinks such as Gatorade, Powerade and eLode, warn experts.



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### In brief

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# Internet pornography exposed

## The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

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According to statistics, most kids have viewed explicit online material by age 11. But because it's not exactly scientifically ethical to plunk kids down, make them watch hours of porn and ask them what they think, it's difficult to study the effect viewing this stuff is having on them.

Which is why I was excited when *Pornademic* — a CBC documentary that delves into the business of internet pornography — introduced Edmonton's Sonya Thompson. Thompson's graduate work focused on researching the effects of pornography on young people. Finally, I thought, some answers.

Thompson got as far as finding out that by age 13-14, 75 per cent of kids had seen porn online. After that, her funding dried up. Seems that while we assume that viewing all this sexual imagery will automatically turn today's kids into a bunch of porn-addicted, sexually depraved, emotionally stilted adults, no one wanted to pay for the research to prove it.

The Swedes have gone there. They interviewed



A Swedish study interviewed youth about their experiences and perceptions of porn and found that boys watch it more than girls and that girls watch it more as they get older.

youth aged 14 to 20 about their experiences and perceptions of porn and found that boys watch it more than girls do; girls watch it more as they get older and generally with someone they are involved with. Not much new there.

A 2008 University of Amsterdam study found teens that watched more Internet porn had a more open attitude to casual hookups, one-night stands and a "recreational" view of sex. The researchers warned, however, that one did not

lead to the other. That teens who are already more interested in sex than their peers are going to be more interested in finding sexual content on the Internet.

**"Kids ... are going to be exposed to sexually explicit images, and it's naive to think they won't be... (We need) to make sure kids are educated about healthy sex."**

Alex McKay, research co-ordinator

"unwanted exposure to pornography does occur, those most likely to be exposed are those seeking it out."

They reported that kids' family dynamics and psychological makeup "are better predictors of risk than the use of specific media or technologies."

As Alex McKay, research co-ordinator for the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada and one of Canada's leading experts on adolescent sexuality said in an interview on the topic for parentcentral.ca: "Kids in the 21st century are going to be exposed to sexually explicit images, and it's naive to think they won't be. The better way is to make sure kids are educated about healthy sex and are media-literate. Any other approach is doomed to failure."

It's like fast food. Kids are exposed to it all the time and McDonald's isn't going away anytime soon. As such, we need to teach kids proper nutrition and how to develop a healthy relationship with food. And that the occasional fast food indulgence is OK.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

## Joe Fresh brand launches new cosmetics line

**Staying true to its philosophy of offering cheap and chic, the Joe Fresh brand launched its own cosmetics line, aptly named Joe Fresh Beauty, earlier this month.**

The inaugural collection features several key makeup products, including cream foundation, pressed powder, cheek tint, fine tip liquid eyeliner, mascara, brow pencils, lipstick, moisturizing lip tints and more; all ranging in price from \$4 to \$8.

In total, the collection offers more than 60 shades for lips and eyes, including an array of neutrals and other colours suitable for women of all ages and ethnicities.

To accompany the new cosmetics, Joe Fresh Beauty also offers brushes and other accessories such as emery boards, blotting papers, compact mirrors and manicure/tweezer kits for between \$2 and \$16.

"The approach we've used with the fashion collection translates beauti-



Check out the new cheap and chic Joe Fresh Beauty products: cheek tint (above), \$4, brow pencil (left), \$6.

fully to cosmetics," Joe Mimran, creative director for Joe Fresh Style, said in a recent statement. "We want to dress our customers from head to toe and that includes makeup. For us, it's always about value, style and quality."

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Those are probably not the words that many of you want to hear. However, the truth is that many of us will require at least one root canal at some point in our lives. And the good news is that modern treatment methods have made this procedure much simpler and more efficient than in the past.

Quite simply, a root canal becomes necessary when a tooth has decayed to the point that it cannot be helped with a simple filling. If the decay has affected the pulp or the root of the tooth, the tooth may effectively be "dead". If it is not treated, the infection could prove to be extremely painful. So it is best to deal with the root canal sooner rather than later.

So what should you expect when you arrive for your root canal? The first thing that will happen is your tooth will be numbed. Then your dentist may place a rubber dam around the area to ensure that saliva is kept away from it. This work is best performed



**Dr. Wayne Perron  
Dental Surgeon**

when the area is dry.

When everything is in place, your dentist will drill a small hole in the tooth so that s/he can access the root. Small files will be used to remove any decay or bacteria and generally clean out the root canal (hence the name!)

When this process is completed, your dentist will seal the tooth to prevent further bacteria from getting to the root. Finally, your dentist will have to make the tooth usable once again.

If the damage to the root and the

tooth was not that extensive, a filling may be sufficient. However, in some cases, the infection may have actually resulted in the tooth being effectively "dead". A dead tooth is far too brittle to leave with just a filling. A crown may be necessary to ensure the continued viability of the tooth.

If this all sounds overwhelming, not to worry! Root canals are common and they can be done easily and with little discomfort! Most importantly, they provide effective treatment for an infected tooth that, if left untreated, could cause serious health concerns.

So if your dentist advises you that you need a root canal, make sure you ask any questions you have about the procedure. And rest assured that it is often an effective treatment for infections below the gumline. Because treating infections promptly as they arise is a healthy habit... and healthy habits lead to healthy lives!

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Tim Allen and his wife of three years, Jane, welcomed a new daughter, Elizabeth, into the world over the weekend, according to Entertainment Tonight. This is the couple's first child. Allen has another daughter from a previous marriage. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

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## Bugged by bike

Despite photos of Scarlett Johansson and hubby Ryan Reynolds on the back of a motorcycle Sunday, the curve-queen supposedly hates the hog and wishes her man would give it up. **EONLINE.COM**



## Adventures of Ryan Reynolds

Canadian actor trying different roles

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**The fact that Ryan Reynolds has become a big star in Hollywood perhaps surprises nobody more than Ryan Reynolds.**

"I had no expectations, therefore I've had very little disappointment in my career," said the Canadian actor recently in Los Angeles.

"It has been an evolution to really appreciate — I wouldn't dare say perfect this craft because you never do that — but appreciate it to the point that I want to try as many different kinds of work as I can."

And that's just what

**"There is something incredibly appealing about playing a guy who lives a fantasy life — I know people like that."**

Ryan Reynolds

Reynolds is doing. Having shaken off the media attention that comes with marrying a star like Scarlett Johansson or being named one of People Magazine's Sexiest Men, the down-to-earth 32-year-old is now focusing on the four films he has coming out this year.

First up is Adventureland (in theatres this Friday), the amusement park-set comedy in which Reynolds plays a seasoned mechanic engaged in an extramarital affair with a much younger carnival worker.

"I like the thought that this guy has inserted himself into a situation where he can be the big fish in a small pond — and the worst kind of pond too. It's a bunch of kids working a summer job," said Reynolds, who admittedly plays a bit of a creep, but a charming creep nonetheless.

"There is something incredibly appealing about playing a guy who lives a fantasy life — I know people



Ryan Reynolds stars in Adventureland, one of the four films he has coming out this year.

like that," admitted Reynolds.

Soon after Adventureland, Reynolds will return to action in the highly-anticipated thriller, X-Men Origins: Wolverine. While he's quick to appreciate landing a role in a guaranteed blockbuster,

Reynolds also realizes avoiding those huge films may be the secret to his unplanned success.

"Because I haven't had a Titanic or one of these movies that would thrust you into a spotlight that you'll never get out of, I've been lucky to do the kind

of movies I want to do," he said.

"When you have stupendous success in one genre, it's difficult to do work outside of that genre — you really have to earn it at that point. So I feel like I'm doing a lot of my earning now."

## Three sides to Joel Plaskett's life on the road

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada



It's nothing special to put out a double record these days — if you've got enough songs it's easy to stuff another disc in the package. But a triple album release? That's exactly how many CDs come with Nova Scotia-native Joel Plaskett's new release, appropriately titled Three.

The folk rocker and former Thrush Hermit lead singer says the idea to release three records together was simple. "Not a lot of people do it," he says matter of factly. "And I had a lot of songs first and fore-

most to hang it on."

It also helped that he inadvertently repeated the same word three times in a few of the songs' titles. When he realized he had tracks named Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Rewind, Rewind, Rewind, and Gone, Gone, Gone, a light bulb went off and a theme appeared.

"I had a few songs that repeated the same word three times and I thought that was cool," he explains. "Why don't I make a record of all songs like that? And then I thought, why don't I make a

triple record?"

Writing enough good tracks to fill three records is no easy feat, but then Plaskett also wanted to create a concept record. He says once he recorded everything he had

to figure out which song fit where. "I just put all these songs together," he says. "Then I had to connect the dots. It was like 'oh perfect, I know what this one does now.'"

The disc takes a personal look at what life is like on the road. The more upbeat first album is about leaving where you came from, the sombre and folkier second record deals with being away from friends and family, while the lighter third installment focuses

The Nova Scotia native recently released his album Three.



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on returning home.

"Travelling and being gone, or trying to return home, is sort of an obvious thing if you're a musician," he says. "But I when I listened back to stuff I recorded while I'd been on the road that was a huge theme that came up."

It's all powerful stuff that could have been derailed if there was a sluggish start to this album, which tends to happen when artists release more than one disc at a time. But, surprisingly, there's not

one skip-over song; it's all incredibly catchy music.

Still, Plaskett was worried about cramming too many tunes into one release. "I had moments where I wondered if this was going to turn out right," he says. "Is this getting boring for people?"

He points out that the disc isn't meant to be listened to in one sitting. "That's why it's three different discs, and not a 65 minute CD," he says.

It's more like a three act play, he explains. Or, he adds, a road trip. "It's supposed to feel like a trip. It's like the theme, you're going away and then coming back."

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**Fergie considers adoption**

Madonna isn't the only star looking to adopt. Newlyweds Fergie and Josh Duhamel are considering expanding their family that way as well. **EONLINE.COM**



# Marley, Clyde and me

**PAT HEALY**  
Metro World News

**The real star of the Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston's film *Marley & Me* is a three-year-old dog named Clyde. As one of 21 dogs playing the title role in the film — out on DVD today — Clyde steals the show.**

The subtitle of John Grogan's best-selling book upon which the movie is based is *Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*, which is a lot for any one dog to live up to. For Clyde's part, he had to tear apart pillows, knock down toddlers, jump into pools on command and hump a lot of legs.

Mathilde DeCagny had the difficult task of training the dog to appear as if he wasn't trained at all.

"It's training, and it's fun because you take a dog and make him even more of a dog," she says with a subtle French accent.

Clyde is constantly wagging his tail when I meet him and DeCagny at the Boston Public Library, where a group of students



Clyde, the dog who stars in *Marley & Me*, sat down with Metro for a one-on-one interview recently.

had come to see the dog. She says she will eventually have to train Clyde to be a good dog, but not yet.

"I was asked to leave him this way for promotional purposes," she says as the Lab tugs at her leash, eager to socialize

more with his audience. "He's also going to be the dog he is, and I'm going to work with that, because I don't want to break his spirit. I need to calm him down a little bit, but he's always going to be a loving, spirited dog."

Clyde, who DeCagny says "did 80 per cent" of the film, is indeed a loving, spirited dog. At one point in the interview, she gives an example of the command that would prompt the pooch to perform his tricks.

"Go get 'em Clyde," she says, and with that, the dog jumps up on this reporter's lap and licks his face, to the laughter of the school children in attendance. Never has an interview subject been so affectionate.

DeCagny has a lot of experience with dogs. She worked on the show *Fraser* for 11 years, and trained and took care of the two Jack Russell Terriers who played Eddie. She also worked with the same dogs in *My Dog Skip*.

So what's next for Clyde?

"He's not going to have another big feature like this, because once they have such a permanent part, they get typecast," she says. "He belongs to the company that I work for, which is called *Birds and Animals Unlimited*, but he is with me ... He'll just be my dog."

## DVD picks

### Slumdog Millionaire

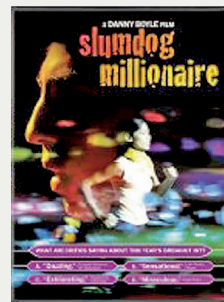
Director: **Danny Boyle**

**THAT ANY KIND** of narrative could emerge from the burst of images in this year's best picture Oscar winner is reason enough for applause. The fact that it all comes together for such a unique love story makes it even more special.

It might seem odd that two Britons, director Danny Boyle and screenwriter Simon Beaufoy, would set a movie in Mumbai starring mostly unknown Indian actors. But their enthusiasm is palpable and the tale they chase with wonder and fury couldn't be more universal.

Adapting the award-winning novel *Q&A* by Vikas Swarup, it's *Oliver Twist* by way of City of God, with a thread about reality TV that will resonate with anyone who has switched on the box in the past decade.

*Slumdog Millionaire* deserves all praise, but families should take note of its adult content, includ-



ing scenes of torture and disfigurement.

Reality isn't always pretty, but in the hands of an astute observer like Danny Boyle it can be wondrous to behold.

The generous extras include a shared commentary between Boyle and *Slumdog* star Dev Patel, plus a half hour's worth of deleted and/or extended scenes that assist in appreciating the film.

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## On the web

Read the following DVD reviews at **metronews.ca**:

- Seven Pounds
- Marley & Me

## Malawi court to rule on Madonna adoption

**PEOPLE** A Malawi court is expected to rule Friday whether U.S. pop singer Madonna can adopt a



Madonna

second infant from the country, a move a prominent local human rights activist said would amount to child trafficking.

She appeared in court yesterday seeking to adopt a four-year-old girl, Mercy James.

The case was adjourned until April 3.

Critics had accused the government of giving one of the world's most successful singers special treatment when she adopted her Malawian son David Banda, saying it skirted laws that ban non-residents from adopting children.

Malawi civil society groups say they plan to oppose Mercy's adoption, while aid group ActionAid said the move would not help millions of children living in poverty around the world.

**REUTERS**

## critics'corner

### Cupid

Executive producer Rob Thomas gives his charming 1998 flop a stylish reboot, with Bobby Cannavale stepping into the role of Trevor Pierce, a handsome eccentric who claims to be the god of love, dispatched to bring 100 romantic misfits together. Is it possible he really is Cupid? His therapist, Dr. Claire McCrae, is determined to find out. 10:02 PM on 20 ABC



### Wild Roses

Nothing like a case of 20/20 hindsight. In this new episode, Kate wonders if she acted rashly in deciding to flee Rivercross with Peter. As Will pulls the plug on the Henrys' exploratory well, he gets a request from Rebecca to dig up some dirt on David in "First and Last." 9 PM on 8 CBC

### Testees

If you've seen the movie "Liar Liar," you can probably guess how this episode is going to turn out. Ron and Peter are testing a truth serum, which causes Peter to spill a secret about his past that could mean the end of the guys' friendship "Truth Serum." 9 PM on 39 SHO

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	603	561	95	FN Chef at Home	French Food	Restaurant Makeover	The F Word (N)	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef Am.		



Actor Josh Hartnett was taken to the hospital early Monday morning after reportedly suffering from abdominal pains, TMZ says. The actor reportedly was at the Chateau Marmont hotel in West Hollywood when he began experiencing pain. **POPEATER.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Got \$9,500? Rent Vince's house

**PEOPLE** Vince Vaughn, star of *Wedding Crashers*, is set to rent out his Chicago home, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports. The four-bedroom townhouse is available to rent for \$9,500 US a month.

And the Old School star is even leaving furniture items in the home, including his king-size bed. The place even comes with Vaughn's home theatre, according to [people.com](http://people.com).

Vaughn, who turns 39 on Saturday, bought the property in 2005 and has no plans to sell it. He lives nearby in Chicago's

Palmolive Building.

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### Ricky's clubbing nightmare

**PEOPLE** Ricky Martin had trouble enjoying himself at Miami nightclub Mansion recently. The singer was continually accosted by an aggressive female fan, according to *Gatecrasher*.

"This girl kept going over and asking him to 'shake your bon bon!' and screaming in his face," an eyewitness says. "He snapped back, 'That's really not cool. Please don't embarrass me like this.'" Martin and his entourage eventually moved to the other side of the club to avoid her and continued to dance until 3 a.m.

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## Liam looked 'so sad'

**PEOPLE** Liam Neeson — who is mourning the death of his beloved wife Natasha Richardson — has completed filming the Julianne Moore indie *Chloe*, which he was shooting when Richardson had her fatal skiing accident, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) is reporting.

He returned to work last

week in Toronto, a film rep tells *Us*, days after Richardson's March 22 funeral in upstate New York.

The New York Post reports that Neeson was spotting himself at the bar at Toronto's Hazelton Hotel.

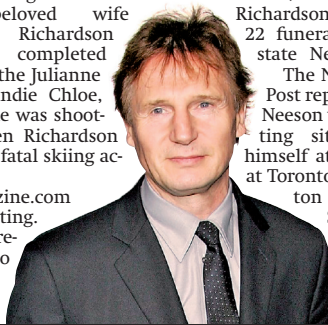
Said a witness, "It was so sad. He

looked like he was in an Edward Hopper print."

Richardson's sister, Joely, also returned to work Thursday on the set of the BBC remake of *The Day of the Triffids*. But mother Vanessa Redgrave has postponed her April 27 performance of *The Year of Magical Thinking* in NYC.

Richardson, 45, died March 18 of internal brain bleeding after suffering a head injury during a skiing accident in Canada.

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## Brangie adopting again?

**KIDS** In other adoption news, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are reportedly ready to welcome another child into their home, this time from India.

The Sunday Express reports that the couple decided on adopting from the nation after visiting the Priya Darshini Orphanage in 2006, but were too busy at the time.

"They filled out all the paperwork but had to put the adoption on

hold because of all their other commitments," a source tells the newspaper.

The Sunday Express also reports that when the couple was asked by 10-year-old Slumdog Millionaire star Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail why they hadn't adopted from India yet, Jolie told him, "Well, I'll let you into a little secret, we will soon."

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## Kate and Lily, drinking buds

**PEOPLE** Kate Moss beat Lily Allen in a drinking contest, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The 35-year-old supermodel challenged her friend to a cocktail making and drinking competition at the customized bar of her London home late last week, and was delighted to come out victorious.

A source said: "Kate and

Lily each made up various cocktails and had a competition to see how many they could drink."

Moss was crowned the winner at around 4 a.m. and is now looking forward to receiving a mystery prize from the 23-year-old

Fear singer.

The impromptu contest took place after Allen's concert in London, and the singer planned to take a portrait of the model by graffiti artist Banksy from Moss' lounge if she won.

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## Reese puts up fight for Oscar gown

**PEOPLE** Reese Witherspoon had to fight for the gown she wore to the Oscars in 2006 — because the owner didn't want her to wear it, reports [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk).

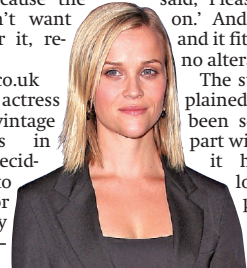
The actress found the vintage Dior dress in Paris, and decided she had to have it for the Academy Awards —

but the shop owner was far from accommodating.

She recalls, "My stylist said, 'Please let her try it on.' And I tried it on and it fit perfectly, like, no alterations."

The store owner explained why he had been so reluctant to part with the dress — it had once belonged to a princess.

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## Nicole touched by husband's ode

**MARRIAGE** Nicole Kidman was "touched" when her husband Keith Urban wrote a song for her, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

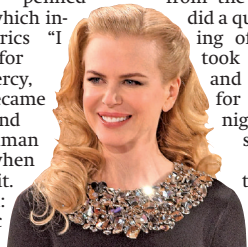
The 41-year-old musician and his writing partner Rick Nowels penned *Thank You* — which includes the lyrics "I thank God for your grace and mercy, and that you became my wife" — and revealed Kidman was thrilled when she first heard it.

Urban said: "Rick's music

pulled this story out of me, which became quite a confessional — much more intimate than I might have written had I intended to write about her. It was very instinctual and very much from the heart. We

did a quick recording of it, and I took it home and played it for her that night. I think she was very touched."

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## Gisele's love triangle

**RELATIONSHIP** The birth of football star Tom Brady's son with ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan threw off Gisele Bündchen when she started dating him, [people.com](http://people.com) reports.

"In the beginning you're living this romantic fantasy; you're thinking, this can't be true, it's so good!" the supermodel, 28,

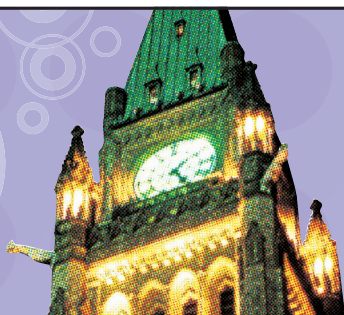
tells *Vanity Fair*. "And then, whoops — wake-up call!"

The pregnancy made her "question at times — 'Should I stay here? Maybe you should work this out,'" but she says in the end, it "was a blessing, because otherwise I don't think I would have known what he was made of, and he wouldn't have known what I was made of," she says.

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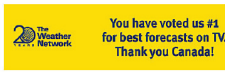


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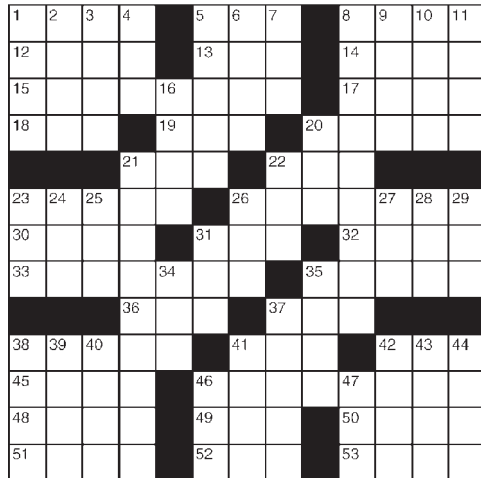
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## Take Five



### Crossword across

- |                            |                      |                               |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 "Little Women" woman     | 22 Billboards        | style                         |
| 5 Timid                    | 23 Future juniors    | 41 Disencumber                |
| 8 Lean-to                  | 26 Police record     | 42 Petrol                     |
| 12 Operatic solo           | book                 | 45 California city            |
| 13 Meadow                  | 30 Neighbourhood     | 46 Crankcase accessory        |
| 14 Troubadour's instrument | 31 Seek damages      | 48 Grand story                |
| 15 Avon product            | 32 Corn Belt         | 49 Mimic                      |
| 17 Chills and fever        | state                | 50 "Rule, Britannia" composer |
| 18 Type units              | 33 Henson's troupe   | 51 Seven-day period           |
| 19 "A mouse!"              | 35 Piece of hardware | 52 "Certainly"                |
| 20 Garden intruder         | 36 Firmament         | 53 Huffed and puffed          |
| 21 Automobile              | 37 Stir-fry vessel   |                               |
|                            | 38 Struck, old-      |                               |

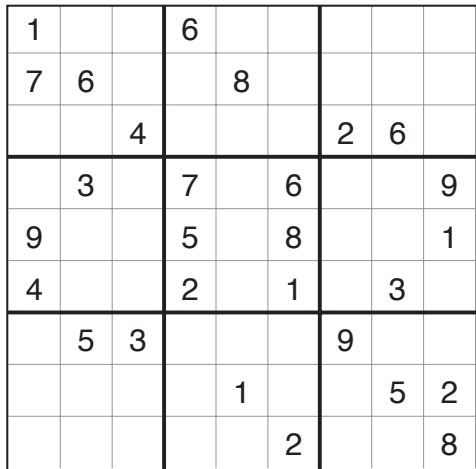
### Crossword down

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Batman                  | 20 Big bother           | 37 Uses a paper towel      |
| 2 Ms. Brockovich          | 21 Blistex rival        | 38 Passel                  |
| 3 Gratuitities            | 22 Hearty quaff         | 39 Sulk                    |
| 4 Owns                    | 23 "Casablanca" pianist | 40 Garfield's pal          |
| 5 More cunning            | 24 Tulsa sch.           | 41 Ready for the picking   |
| 6 Kin of "darn"           | 25 Energy               | 42 Lass                    |
| 7 Tibetan beast           | 26 Clear the tables     | 43 Dermatologist's concern |
| 8 Three Stooges specialty | 27 Anderson's "High —"  | 44 Distort                 |
| 9 Laurie or Grant         | 28 Ram's partner        | 46 Rotation duration       |
| 10 Needle case            | 29 Uncivilized          | 47 Bill                    |
| 11 Homeowner's paper      | 31 Pigs' digs           |                            |
| 16 Afternoon affairs      | 34 — out a living       |                            |
|                           | 35 Lays down the lawn   |                            |

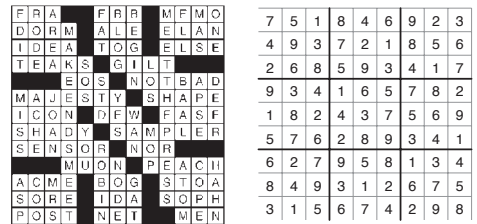
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Under 13 min .....Genius	21-25 min .....Not bad
13-17 min .....Scholar	25+ min .....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Veal Marsala

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 large white mushrooms
- 1 lb (500 g) veal cutlets
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup (50 ml)
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) margarine, cut into 4 pieces
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) dry Marsala wine
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chopped flat-leaf parsley

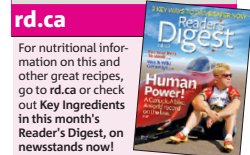
#### METHOD:

- Preheat oven to 250°F (120°C). Place baking sheet on middle rack of oven. Trim ends of mushrooms, then thinly slice mushrooms and set aside.
- Place veal between pieces of wax paper and pound with meat mallet, from centre out, to 1/3-in. (0.25-cm) thickness. Sprinkle with pepper and salt. Place flour in ziplock bag. Ad veal, a few slices at a time, and shake to coat.
- Coat large frying pan with non-stick cooking

spray and set over high heat. Melt 1 piece margarine in pan, tilting to coat. Sauté a few pieces of veal at a time until browned, about 1 minute per side. Transfer cutlets to baking sheet in oven, repeat with remaining veal, adding margarine as needed.

4. Sauté mushrooms in pan until golden, 3 minutes. Pour in Marsala, scraping up brown bits left in pan. Cook until pan juices are reduced to 1/2 cup (125 ml), 2 minutes. Return veal to pan, stacking if necessary. Turn to coat with hot pan juices and sprinkle with parsley.

#### SERVES 4



### Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Willpower is needed with a tough guy. An adventure will be the best idea for a good time. Be cool when the truth is revealed.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A devoted person's challenge must be faced. Avoid the desire for something different. Shake the dust of melancholy from your mind.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Good fortune comes after someone spills the beans. A narcissist fails to live up to their potential. A bothersome pest's attraction grows embarrassing.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
A woman has news about a dysfunctional relationship. A bureaucratic problem arises. Good intentions are stopping your progress.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Creative matters will bring you good luck. A rambling elder is faced with a quarrel. An agreement will take place if you listen.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Your love life needs more care and attention. Expect to get a reply about a request. A date will be missed because of negligence.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
A game-player's advice will change a worldly friend. An unhappy guy starts cheering up. Strange looks will put you in a tough position.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Someone complains of being cramped. You must focus on your willpower and make demands. Don't ask anyone to cancel their plans.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Pay attention to sensational good luck. Amusement comes from witnessing a temper tantrum. A tiresome task produces a bit of nervousness.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
An unhappy visitor will amuse those sent to help. Ask someone to find a simple solution. Have courage when dealing with management.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
A friend needs more time to say goodbye. A new plan will be counter-productive. Your patience will be rewarded.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
A wicked person walks a stony road. Don't make anybody look silly. Think carefully before making a drastic change.

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1. Pub quaff yarn (1)

2. Jump over a jalopy (1)

3. Hint of color on a door pivot (1)

4. One who nourishes a Lebanon tree (2)

5. Chap's capes or spy garb (1)

6. Uncomplicated golf ball indentation (2)

7. Plumps up poultry at KFC (2)

ANSWERS: 1. PUB 2. LEAP 3. HINT 4. NURSE 5. CAPES 6. DIMPLE 7. THICKENS

### This day in history

- MARCH 31, 1889: The Eiffel Tower is inaugurated.
- MARCH 31, 1918: Daylight saving time goes into effect in the United States for the first time.
- MARCH 31, 1949: The Dominion of Newfoundland joins Confederation and becomes the 10th Province of Canada.
- MARCH 31, 1959: The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, crosses the border into India and is granted political asylum.
- MARCH 31, 1979: The last British soldier leaves the Maltese Islands. Malta declares its Freedom Day (Jum il-Helsien).
- MARCH 31, 1994: Human evolution: The journal Nature reports the finding in Ethiopia of the first complete Australopithecus afarensis skull.

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